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Oxford County Advertiser.

[Entered as Second Class Matter.]
FRIDAY, JANUARY 4, 1884.

This paper has a larger circulation and more readers than any other paper published in Oxford County. Rates of advertising reasonable and made known on application.

Recollections of Otisfield.

BY MARK TAPLEY.

Before proceeding farther with our sketches of past events we would ask the reader to return with us to a former chapter where some omission on our part may give a wrong idea or perhaps make our statements appear hardly plausible. Of this we are reminded by an article which appeared in the Oxford Democrat of Dec. 30th, apparently emanating from the talent and conscientiously Oxford correspondent of that paper. Now we wish by way of apology to say a few words regarding this matter well knowing there are errors of omission as well as commission each producing the same result. To begin with we never had the least idea of writing a complete history of this town, this thing is now being done by a man of ability who has the records and all the necessary information at hand, but all we purpose is to record a few of the amusing and notable incidents as they have been recounted to us together with the manner and circumstances of a society in olden times. Also what has come under our immediate observation during our forty-six years of intimate acquaintance. We are merely writing for our amusement and that of our friends not thinking that our housewifery will compose sketches of our homelife which our friends will remind us of will cheerfully correct.

Now as regards the sufferings of the people and Uncle Tom's roasting potatoes, no person could have been long a resident of this town without hearing of this affair. But our error consisted in the omission of a very important item, we gave no dates and no summing too much on the general knowledge of the present generation and not considering that class. Too many of the young people of this town have examined their heads and added their brains by a constant reading of dime novels, the Police News and that kind of literature, till they have lost all small idea of the past history of our country.

Now most people know that the embargo was laid on our commerce in the year 1813, which pretty much destroyed business, that for three successive years the crops were cut off almost entirely, when bread could not be obtained for love or money. These were times that tried men's souls. No railroads to bring corn from the West and no West to bring it from the East, were just out of a war with England, our shipping pretty much destroyed and no money. Our parents used to tell us they had been nearly starved out at a time. Some have told us that their hunger had been so great they would chew birch twigs and go up chamber and pick up the ends of corn and bread from the cracks in the floor and peck them to eat.

Capt. Wm. Stevens, who died in Poland, a former resident of Norway, being one of a large family, who were raised on the farm now owned by Mr. J. Rowe, once gave a touching account of their sufferings at the time of this dearth famine. "Often times we would go to bed hungry and cry ourselves to sleep and sometimes we would go out for hunger. One day we made a trap called a figure four and caught a grey squirrel. We dressed him and concluded we would have him for supper. We placed our game in the pot to boil we went up chamber and dug all the kernels of corn and fragments of beans from the cracks under the table and from the wooden spoons all ate from the same dish. Dear old mother declined to partake till the children had satisfied their hunger. We then went out to the big maple and saw and saw three hours. Oh! won't we say creatures," said the good old man. Well did the wise man say "Better is a dinner of herbs where love is than a stalled ox and hated feasting."

Fair crops of wheat were raised in some localities in the year 1816 raised 32 bushels of wheat on an acre of land, it being situated on the westerly slope of Mt. Mansfield Hill, but this was an uncommon occurrence.

Uncle John Emery of Poland tells that the Megalloway Island in the Pond furnished West Poland in bread that year, i.e., enough to keep them from starving.

This island was then owned by Edmund Megalloway one of the first settlers of that beautiful hill which still bears his name. Pretty much the same land was still, but it was cleared the year before and this year planted with corn. Some of our readers perhaps would like to know the process of planting bird land.

The usual method is very simple and a crop on burnt land is very easily cultivated. The first step is to clear the land by being burnt to a charred substance called snuff. This is generally very fertile. If this substance is destroyed it makes the land almost worthless for a long time. The planter takes a narrow hoe strikes a smart blow in the snuff, raises the flake, drops the seed, withdraws the hoe and strikes two or three blows with the eye of the instrument and the thing is done. No further cultivation is needed except to pass between the rows once or twice and cut down the wild weeds which is very easily done.

Well, this island was by good luck planted with corn. Being surrounded by water the heavy fogs destroyed the effect of the frost and a splendid crop was the result. Uncle Edmund was one of the best of men and many were the bushels given to the poor, saving people during that terrible winter.

The stock was nearly all killed off (except what starved) but as all things have an end so did this famine, it being succeeded by years of plenty. The wilderness blossomed like the rose and the land yielded plentiful crops. The people in their prosperity soon forgot (in a measure) their former sufferings. Many a cold winter's night have we sat by big hard wood fires and listened with the most profound interest while our parents recounted the sufferings and privations endured by the people of olden times.

To be continued.

A Beautiful Gift.

The Great Rock Island Recipe has issued a new and most comprehensive Cook Book, of 128 pages, filled with new and reliable receipts from the best caterers of this and other countries. No housewife can afford to be without it; and though worth one dollar, it will be sent to any address postpaid, upon receipt of ten cents in stamps. As they will go like hot cakes send at once to E. St. John, G. T. & P. A., Chicago, Illinois.

WEST PARIS.

Mr. G. W. Tylerleigh is to start up and re-stock his fish cart next week for the winter's campaign. He will keep a full assortment of fish.

NORTH PARIS.
Rev. Seth Benson has been confined to his house for the past two Sabbaths, by an injury to his leg, caused by a slip on the ice. It was quite a disappointment to him, not being able to preach Christmas as his people at Bryant's Pond had prepared their house for a Christmas sermon and he had prepared one for the occasion. It was unable to meet his appointment at Government last Sabbath, but will return to his school at Hallowell this week.

Miss J. Ella Benson is teaching school in Canton, with her usual success.

Our village school is being taught by Miss Clara Bryant of Bryant's Pond. Miss Bryant not only keeps a good school, but secures the love of her scholars. At our Christmas tree they remembered her with a very nice writing desk.

Ellingwood & Washburn have purchased a four horse engine for their farm, and are preparing to set it up as soon as possible.

Our church came out late in the season, we shall not be able to put it up as early as we wished.

Mr. J. L. Richardson got one of his fingers badly torn while shoeing an ox last week. The same ox knocked out several of his teeth while shoeing him on a former occasion.

EAST OTISFIELD.
There was a Christmas tree at the South Otisfield church Monday evening Dec. 24th, and Christmas evening, Dec. 25th, there was a festival at the school house on Scribner Hill.

The Otisfield praying band will hold a meeting Jan. 6th, 1884 at the Oak Hill school-house at half past ten o'clock, a. m.

SOUTH WATERFORD.
A sudden carefulness has taken possession of all pedestrians since last Tuesday evening, and this unwelcome caution has been received if any.

The sick people are generally on the mend.

A fire broke out in the fine large residence of Emerson Wilkins, at the Flat last Sunday night about midnight, and burned it to the ground. They saved much of the furniture and insured for \$1,000. The loss must have been more than double that.

Miranda Billings has returned from a delightful visit to the east part of the state.

E. W. Ayer is courtesant, but we have not yet heard his merry laugh in the street.

The long looked for snow sets the legs to running. Hays and Mary are drawing a lot of pine from John Atherton's to the mills in the village.

Summer Fogg and family are visiting at the residence of Mr. J. Rowe.

Waterford now has a noon mail via Bridgton.

CASCO.
Business is very quiet at Casco Village, not snow enough to make good sleighing. People in this vicinity who have an interest in the lumber business are waiting anxiously for more snow. The thaw that we have had recently has done lots of good in supplying man and beast with water.

At S. Beane's who keeps the Eastman House, is a right good fellow for the place and never allows any of his guests to go away hungry. Many a hungry traveler has passed hours in listening to Mr. Eastman's funny stories, of which he is bristling.

John E. Holden who keeps a dry goods store, is having a good sale for his goods. He is also post-master and fills the position satisfactorily to all.

Dr. Chas. H. Young of this village, has a very handsome black horse eleven years old, and weighs about one hundred pounds. (Morgan Blood). The doctor has driven him during the six and one half years that he has owned him twenty miles on a single day. The doctor's practice is large and he does all his driving with this horse.

SWEDEN.
A splendid Christmas tree at C. W. Bennett's and a gathering of the Bennett family and relatives of the late William Bennett to the number of thirty-four were present and spent the evening most agreeably. Readings, recitations, singing and dancing were in order, then a distribution of the presents which were splendid and many of them valuable. The presents ranged in value between five cents and seven hundred dollars. All present report an exceedingly enjoyable time.

George S. Bennett has started a grocery store in a building opposite the steam mill. This building was used some years by E. W. Bennett for a general store, but for the last few years has been used as a warehouse.

Oak bolts are now being hauled to the state mill by the Knights company for H. Dawes of Harrison. They have cut out about 200 bolts on one lot. The Knights company do not buy oak for themselves this season, for they have one thousand shooks now made up and staves enough for four thousand more on hand with no chance for a paying sale at present.

C. W. Bennett is having his birch timber cut on lot No. 50, and as soon as the timber is cut and sawed into beams to hand it to the mill.

The stock, farming tools and household stuff of the late Franklin Homer are for sale and can be bought at a good bargain.

The Haskell family is making coats as usual.

No. 1000 Adams has returned from Greenland. The risk to life and limb among the fallen trees is greater than his love of money.

A petition has been sent to headquarters for a mail route from Bridgton to the P. O. at Sweden, and for a new cut through the woods of a few weeks ago. We should have and hope are entertained that the petition will be favorably considered.

BROWNFIELD.
We have been sampling weather for two or three weeks past. We have one and sometimes two or three different kinds every day, but few have been wholly satisfactory. Dec. 28th the weather was very hard here as at any time during the cyclone of a few weeks ago.

C. E. Allard, who has been at home a couple of weeks during the holidays, returns to Boston Jan. 5th.

The school in dist. No. 1 closes Jan. 4th, after a very successful term of seven weeks taught by J. F. Manson of Ossipee.

Mrs. M. C. Peary is very sick with lung fever. It is feared that she cannot recover.

Mrs. E. S. Jordan is expected home from Boston where she has been spending a few weeks with her son, Dr. Jordan. We shall be very glad to have her with us once more; but are sorry that poor health hinders her return.

HIBBON.
There was a large and pleasant gathering in the Chapel Christmas evening. The trees and tables were well loaded with gifts, and the exercises, consisting of singing, recitations and select readings, were very enjoyable, some of the parts being excellently rendered. The singing by the Hibbon Male Quartette was very fine as usual, and there was good music also, both vocal and instrumental.

The pastor, who is also supervisor of schools, has the pleasure of preaching to good congregations on the Sabbath, and among his hearers are six of the teachers in town.

Mr. Asa George and daughter, of Rumney, N. H., are visiting his brother, C. U. George, esq.

OXFORD.
The annual Christmas Festival for the benefit of the Sabbath School connected with the Methodist Church in this village, was held at the church Tuesday evening, Dec. 23rd. The weather being favorable the house was crowded, and the entertainment was pronounced a success by all present.

The program was well selected, consisting of songs, dialogues, recitations, etc. Songs were sung by Amy Jones, Ella White, E. F. Folsom, Annie Robinson, George Kavanaugh and Geo. H. Jones, all of which were listened to with marked attention and received the hearty applause of the entire audience. The presents were many and some quite valuable. The pastor, Rev. C. S. Cummings, received \$17.00, while the profits to the school amounted to \$30.00.

The steady progress and lively interest manifested in this school for some years past, is a credit to the school. The hearty and untiring labors have done so much for the rising generation. In this connection no one thing is better calculated to fit young people to become useful and respected members of society than a well organized and conducted Sabbath School. Ella Folsom's beautiful song "Violets under the Snow," was greeted by deafening applause, which was continued for some time. Little Mabel French, aged 3 years, in one of the recitations delivered fairly brought the house down while the little maiden stood awe struck as though she had committed some unpardonable offence.

The congregational festival was held at the school-house Monday evening, Dec. 22nd. The program was well selected, consisting of songs, dialogues, recitations, etc. Songs were sung by Amy Jones, Ella White, E. F. Folsom, Annie Robinson, George Kavanaugh and Geo. H. Jones, all of which were listened to with marked attention and received the hearty applause of the entire audience. The presents were many and some quite valuable. The pastor, Rev. C. S. Cummings, received \$17.00, while the profits to the school amounted to \$30.00.

Choir rehearsals are held at the house of Geo. H. Jones every Saturday evening. Mr. Jones labors hard to elevate the standard of music in this village, and we hope and trust his efforts are in some degree appreciated.

We believe every person in town but your unworthy scribe and humble servant, are waiting anxiously for more snow. We did feel a little disappointed at first, when we beheld many happy and sniffling faces around the house, but as the snow came, we were glad to see the children so happy and the old folks so comfortable. We were glad to see the children so happy and the old folks so comfortable. We were glad to see the children so happy and the old folks so comfortable.

Mr. Morey, who has lived at the town farm for a number of years, has been taken to the hospital for the Insane at Augusta last Monday by selectman Coy. Two other sons, who by the aid of the Wanderer's Home, have been found homes in Ohio, have been in town visiting their friends and acquaintances.

The Methodist Society at Wellsfield gave their Christmas festival on the evening of the 20th. The church was crowded and the entertainment was very good considering the limited talent with which they had to work. Both sides were well pleased and a number of very handsome and costly presents were noticed.

Thomas Baker met with a serious accident on Monday, as he was passing from his door yard to the street his foot slipped on the ice and he fell striking his head on the corner of a building, a bad scalp wound and shaking him up badly.

There were 95 scholars present on Christmas Sunday at the M. E. Sunday School.

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STUPENDOUS ANNOUNCEMENT!

GREAT EXCITEMENT!

Grand Rush for EXTRA BARGAINS at

BRACKETT'S

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Dry and Fancy Goods House,

OPPOSITE ELM HOUSE,
NORWAY, MAINE.

The people are aroused & awakened to the fact

that we have a LARGER STOCK of BETTER CLASS GOODS can secure bigger bargains, get a bigger pile of first-class goods for much less money than at any other store in Oxford County. The great rush at our GRAND OPENING SALE, far exceeded our expectations, although no one could but say, Oh! how cheap everything is, and wonder and ask, "how can you sell so cheap?" The expression from some, "their competitors say their goods must have been through four fires," but on examination, the expression of everybody, with their pocket-books in their hands to pay for the big bundle they had purchased from their stock, was "Why, all of these goods must be FRESH Goods, and right from the manufacturer, for the manufacturer's tickets are on all of them. Our answer was and is to all of our patrons.

We keep and sell nothing but Fresh First-class Goods!

Our great secret of selling so cheap was and is, we do an extensive yearly business, running three stores, keeping a stock at our main store of FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS, disposing of immense quantities of goods, with the ready cash at our disposal, enables us to buy for Cash, immense quantities of goods from the first hands, at the manufacturer's big auction sales in New York, occurring about once a month, thereby saving a big percentage for our patrons; which, if we only done a business of a few thousand a year, and had to buy of Jobbers the general way, getting the credit of four to six months, we should have to get the killing prices charged by many other dealers.

A word to the competitors of Oxford County:

If any that seek to advertise for us in their way, continue to do so, we have come to Norway to stay; we was not born in the woods to be frightened out by an Owl—or either horn in a city to be frightened away by a Jack with long ears. Our stocks are our own and we propose to sell them as we choose; but we will right here say if any dealer in the business will show the people a Large and Nice Stock of reasonable first-class Goods for less money than we are selling them, or even as low as we are offering them, we will pack up and leave Norway, and they can again have it their own way.

A word to the people in general: We come to

NORWAY to benefit the consumer of Dry and Fancy Goods with a FRESH stock direct from the manufacturer's sales, comprising everything in the Dry and Fancy Goods line, at auction prices, as hundreds of you that have examined our goods can testify.

We have notified our buyer at headquarters of

One lot more of those White Blankets which

we have sold 215 pair since we have been with you, for only \$1.25 per pair.

One lot of those grey Blankets which we have

sold 168 pair since we have been with you, for only \$1.00 per pair.

One lot of those white and colored California

Blankets that we have sold 83 pair since we have been with you, for only \$2.50 per pair.

One lot of those white and colored California

Blankets of which we have sold 69 pair since we have been with you, for only \$4.00 per pair. These same goods are retailing all over the country for \$7.00 and \$8.00 per pair.

Another large lot of those German and Harris

Cassimere that we have had such a rush through our great opening sale for only \$1.00 per yard. Their goodness and value hundreds can testify to.

Another big lot of those Satin Damask Towels,

yard and quarter large. Their goodness and value hundreds of buyers in this vicinity can testify to.

10,000 yards more of those Best Quality Prints.

When we say best quality, it means a guarantee that they are the best made in the United States; and all know the Price is less than they can be manufactured for.

Another big lot of Fruit of the Loom, Cabot and

several other best makes of Bleached Cottons, the same that we have been having such a rush for the past week, for only 8 cents per yard. All know that the price is less than the can be manufactured for.

We have Dress Goods from 6 1-4 cents to \$4.00

per yard 25 cent. less than they can be sold elsewhere.

Shawls in endless Profusion at half the regular

retail Price.

Cloaks, Dolmans and Ulsters for ladies, misses

and children's wear. We are manufacturers of these goods and can sell them at much less price than they can be produced elsewhere.

We have Silks and Satins from 50 cents per yd.

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We have Velvets and Plushes from \$1 per yard

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